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Camden County Awarded \$199,000 **First Responders Supplement Grant**

WOODBINE, Ga. - March 29, 2022 - The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of a \$199,125.50 Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant distributed by the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget.

"Our dedicated first responders and public safety officials are a valuable asset to our community," said Chairman Gary Blount. "We are pleased to be able to recognize their efforts."

In September 2021, Governor Brian Kemp announced this funding opportunity for local governments to apply for on behalf of public safety officials and first responders. The grant is providing a \$1,000 pay supplement for all eligible sworn law enforcement officials and first responders using the State of Georgia's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. To be eligible employees must meet all of the following requirements:

- Work full time:
- Hold one of the listed positions that requires certification;
- Hold required certification (POST, Fire, EMS); and
- Be on the August 2021 payroll.

At their November 2, 2021, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners authorized approval to apply for the grant. 185 employees from Camden County Fire Rescue, Camden County Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office will each receive \$1,000 this week.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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